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Honorable Reginald C. Lindsay  
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District of Massachusetts  
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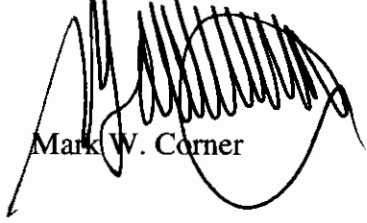
**Re:    Altagracia J. Peguero v. American Express Company, Inc., et al.  
      Civil Action No. 05-10995-RCL**

Dear Ms. Hourihan:

I am local counsel to the Defendant Federal Insurance Company. As I indicated in our discussion today, the Plaintiff and my client have reached a settlement with respect to the Plaintiff's claims asserted against Federal, and we anticipate filing a Stipulation of Dismissal in the near future. In the meantime, Federal has pending a Motion to Dismiss and Compel Arbitration. In view of the settlement, Federal requests that no action be taken on that motion pending the filing of a stipulation of dismissal.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Thanks for your usual courtesy and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

  
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